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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of documents A1 through A30 was provided with the IDS submitted April 28, 1998, in parent application Serial No. 08/913,362. Copies of documents B1 and B2 are being submitted herewith to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three months of the filing date of the national application and before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Documents A1-A30 and B3-B4 were provided previously in the '362 application. Documents B1 and B2 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of National Stage Application of PCT/CA96/00157 filed in South Korea.

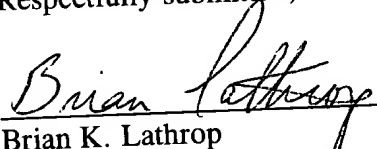
Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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